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SUBJECT: PROPOSED VISIT BY THE DEPUTY SECRETARY

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1. WE HAVE NOW HAD OCCASION TO OBTAIN FOREIGN MINISTRY'S VIEWS ON DEPUTY SECRETARY'S VISIT. FOREIGN MINISTER FRYDENLUND IS BACK FROM LEAVE, HAS EXPRESSED HIS PLEASURE ON THE VISIT AND HAS VOICED DESIRE TO HAVE MINISTRY TAKE LEAD IN PROGRAMMING. HE HAS NAMED DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL DEPARTMENT LEIF EDWARDSSEN TO HEAD UP MINISTRY PLANNING AND COORDINATION OF VISIT.

2. PRESENT PLANS CALL FOR DEPUTY SECRETARY TO MEET FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH DRYDENLUND AND FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS ON SUBJECTS OF MUTAL INTEREST, PROBABLY MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 7. ADDITIONALLY DEPUTY SECRETARY WILL MEET WITH PRIME MINISTER BRATTELI, CHAIRMAN OF STORTING FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE TOR OFTEDAL, AND IF POSSIBLE WITHIN SCHEDULE FOR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS, FINANCE MINISTER KLEPPE. IF THERE IS SCHEDULING CONFLICT, IT MAY BE POSSIBLE TO INCLUDE KLEPPE IN ONE OF PLANNED REPRESENTATIONAL FUNCTIONS. FOREIGN MINISTRY WOULD LIKE STATOIL CHAIRMAN FINN LIED TO BRIEF DEPUTY SECRETARY ON NORWEGIAN OIL INDUSTRY.

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3. NORWEGIANS WOULD ALSO LIKE DEPUTY SECRETARY TO

MEET HM KING OLAV V. AS MATTER OF USUAL PROTOCOL
THEY HAVE ASKED IF DEPUTY SECRETARY WOULD LIKE TO
HAVE AN AUDIENCE WITH HIS MAJESTY.

4. AS TO SOCIAL FUNCTIONS FRYDENLUND IS PLANNING TO
HOST LUNCHEON FOR DEPUTY SECRETARY SEPTEMBER 8 AND
DINNER ON SEPTEMBER 9. WE ASSUME AMBASSADOR
BYRNE WILL GIVE DINNER FOR THE INGERSOLLS SEPTEMBER 8.

5. WE HAVE INFORMED FOREIGN MINISTRY OF DEPUTY
SECRETARY'S INTEREST IN ACCOMPANYING MRS. INGERSOLL TO
VISIT HANDICRAFT INDUSTRY SITES IN FREDRICKSTAD. EMBASSY
WILL ARRANGE SIGHTSEEING AND SHOPPING FOR MRS. INGERSOLL
IN OSLO AND SOME SIGHTSEEING IN OSLO FOR DEPUTY SECRETARY.
DETAILS WILL BE SENT LATER WHEN FULL OFFICIAL PROGRAM
IS MORE FIRM.

6. AS TO WEST COAST PORTION OF TRIP, WE SUGGEST PARTY
STAY AT NORGE HOTEL IN BERGEN. ON SEEING FJORD COUNTRY,
TWO ALTERNATIVES ARE AVAILABLE. FIRST IS TO REMAIN
IN BERGEN SEPTEMBER 6-7 FOR CITY SIGHTSEEING AND
FIVE-HOUR FJORD TRIP FROM AND RETURNING TO BERGEN.
THEN FLY TO OSLO EVENING SEPTEMBER 7. SECOND, AND
PROGRAM WE SUGGEST, BECAUSE IT PROVIDES THE BEST
POSSIBLE FJORD EXPERIENCE, IS TO STAY IN BERGEN
SEPTEMBER 6 FOR REST AND BRIEF SIGHTSEEING AND THEN
TAKE FJORD STEAMER AT 0800 SEPTEMBER 7 FROM BERGEN
THROUGH PICTURESQUE SOGNEFJORD TO FLAM, ARRIV-
ING 1350. FROM THERE TAKE TRAIN UP SPECTACULAR FLAM
MOUNTAIN RAILWAY TO MYRDAL AND THENCE CATCH TRAIN TO
OSLO ARRIVING 2155. EMBASSY WILL MAKE RESERVATION AND
EMBASSY OFFICER WILL ACCOMPANY, IF DESIRED.

7. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE (A) REACTION TO PROGRAM
OUTLINE, (B) DEPUTY SECRETARY WISHES ON AUDIENCE WITH
KING OLAV, AND (C) PREFERENCE ON BERGEN PORTION OF STAY.
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